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1. ALI SHURAFI AND OTHERS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN BUREC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT ARE CURRENTLY IN PAKISTAN WITH SHAIKH ZAYID. AS RESULT IT NOT POSSIBLE AT PRESENT TO GET SPECIFIC CONCURRENCE FOR INCLUDING GROUND WATER GEOLOGIST IN ADVANCED TDY PARTY. HOWEVER, SO LONG AS NO ADDITIONAL CASH INVOLVED--I.E. HIS SERVICES ALREADY INCLUDED IN BASIC PROJECT BUDGET (AS PER REFTL) -- EMBASSY HAS ABSOLUTELY NO REPEAT NO DOUBT THAT UAEG WILL AGREE. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT AID/BUREC PROCEED ON THIS BASIS. WE WILL, OF COURSE, PUT MATTER TO SHURAFI OFFICIALLY AS SOON AS HE RETURNS.

2. RE PREVIOUS STUDIES, EMBASSY HAS BEEN TRYING WITHOUT SUCCESS SINCE LAST SUMMER TO UNEARTH COPIES IN RESPONSE TO STATE 151038. WE HAVE AGAIN RAISED MATTER WITH SHURAFI AND WILL CONTINUE PRESS POINT. EXPERIENCE WOULD DICTATE, HOWEVER, THAT IT MAY TAKE PRESENCE OF BUREC PERSONNEL ON THE GROUND RUMAGING THROUGH UAE CLOSETS TO UNEARTH THESE REPORTS, IF THEY ARE TO BE FOUND AT ALL. IN THIS CONNECTION IT WOULD THEREFORE BE HIGHLY ADVISABLE FOR BUREC TEAM TO MAKE AND BRING WITH THEM COPIES OF PEMBERTON'S COPY (SEE STATE 151038) OF FAO STUDY AND ANY OTHER PERTINENT DATA NOW AVAILABLE IN STATES.

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